

## OFFICE ST. PETER COMPANY,

ST. PETER NICOLLET COUNTY, M. T. July, 1856. 202

This eligibly located and beautiful town is situate on the Minnesota River, Seventy two miles from Saint Paul by land, and one hundred and twenty-five miles by the River; one hundred and twenty miles from Winona, and one hundred and eighty miles from Dubuque, Iowa. It is near the Geographical centre of the future "Lake State." It has now about six hundred inhabitants, and is not yet two years old. It has four Hotels, one of which is a Four Story Stone Building, (large and commodious,) Stores, Warehouses, good Livery, and various Mechanic Shops. Extensive improvements have been made within the past month in the way of building, fencing &c. Lumber is in great demand and extravagantly high priced—yet nothing deters. Some of our citizens have brought their Lumber from St. Paul, while others have been obliged to pay as high as \$50 per 1000 feet. This state of things is well nigh over. The New Mills now being erected by Mr. Benj. Pratt, will be in operation in a few days and having plenty of logs will be able to greatly relieve the wants of our citizens.

Our Hotels are all full to overflowing and strangers continue to pour in upon us. Many of whom take their resting place "Spoon fashion," on the floors of the Parlors, Tables in the dining room—on whatever they can get a chance to rest the body for the night. The beauty of the surrounding country, delightfully interspersed with Timber, Prairie, Lakes and Streams, the eminently productive character of the soil, the salubrity of the climate, and especially the character of our population is at the present time attracting more attention than any other portion of our beautiful Territory. The projected Rail Roads from Winona to the Missouri, from Keokuk, up the Valley of the Desmoine, and from St. Paul, all centering at this point, the building of which has become "fixed facts," make St. Peter the great point of attraction in Minnesota. The Government or Military Road from St. Paul to the Big Sioux, on the Missouri River, forms a direct line between St. Paul and St. Peter. This road is now about completed, and is one of the best roads, in the Territory. St. Peter, is situate on the West side of the River, on a beautiful Prairie, surrounded by an immense body of Timber of the very best quality. It is in about the 44th degrees of N. L. and one degree S. of St. Paul. We have now nearly all the enjoyments of the Eastern States—we have our Schools, and our Churches—our Lawyers and our Doctors—our Surveyors and our Engineers—our Land Agents and Speculators—one and all vie with each other for success.

All inquiries or communications in reference to the town and surrounding country addressed to GEORGE HEZLER, Agent St. Peter Company, St. Peter, Nicollet county, M. T., will be promptly attended to.

*Friend Dunlap I write in all  
of them you may think that I trust  
paper in this wooden County  
yours to the end of the  
world  
Ed Hazler*